(c) and (d) NTPC has not participated in any international global tenders for construction of power plant in joint venture. However, NTPC has submitted a proposal to Government of Sri Lanka for development of a 3x300 MW coal/gas based project on build own and operate basis in Sri Lanka.

Allocation of funds under RGGVY

† 1848. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme is in operation;

(b) whether State of Bihar has been allocated funds for this scheme in this financial year;

(c) what progress has been made so far; and

(d) what contribution has to be shared by the State in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana covers the entire country. The scheme is in operation in Bihar, Haryana, J&K, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of total thirty-eight districts in Bihar, POWERGRID has commenced work in seven districts. Out of these seven, in two districts the work is in full swing.

(d) Under this scheme, 90 percent capital subsidy shall be provided for overall cost of the project and the balance 10 percent of the project cost will be provided as loan on soft terms by Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. to the State Government.

New power tariff policy

1849. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is preparing a new power tariff policy for the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.